

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-10, 12-23, and 25-38 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

Claims 11, 24, and 37 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16, and 28 to respectively include the recited features of the allowable claims 11, 24, and 37. Therefore, independent claims 1, 16, and 28 (and all dependent claims depending therefrom) should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 11, 24, and 37 are cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. These claim amendments have rendered moot the Examiner's rejections to the claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes the application to be in full condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

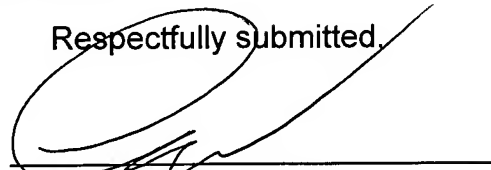
Applicant believes that the appropriate fees have been included with this filing. If, however, Applicant owes any additional fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**.

If it would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned directly at 314-726-7502.

Respectfully submitted,

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